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Sheriff's Office CIT Members Bring Successful Outcome to Man in Mental Crisis Armed with Gun

On January 10, 2017, at approximately 5:07AM, the Lake County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from an individual in mental crisis. The man in mental crisis informed telecommunicators he was armed with a firearm and made suicidal statements. Telecommunicators obtained important information from the man and relayed the information to responding sheriff's deputies.

Members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) were dispatched to the 34000 block of Gerberding Avenue, Ingleside, where the man in crisis was located. Upon arrival, sheriff's deputies located the man and found him inside of a vehicle with a loaded firearm.

CIT trained deputies began crisis communication with the man. The crisis communication lasted over an hour and resulted in the man exiting his vehicle and agreeing to go to the hospital for a mental health evaluation/treatment. Sheriff's deputies secured the loaded firearm.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "An incident like this is exactly why we are training not only sheriff's deputies, but all sheriff's office employees as Crisis Intervention Team members. From the telecommunicators answering the 911 call to the deputies who responded to the scene, everyone did a fantastic job helping this man in mental crisis."

Undersheriff Ray Rose said, "There is absolutely no doubt, if it weren't for our personnel being CIT trained, this incident which involved a loaded firearm, could have ended in tragedy. Instead of tragedy, this man is now able to receive mental health care and I could not be more proud of those involved and the successful outcome. This is truly what CIT is all about!"

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